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In re Application of)
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Therefore, no fee is required for filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

Each of the references that are cited on the attached PTO Form 1449 were identified in an International Search Report (copy enclosed) issued by European Patent Office in a counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty application. A copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached forms.

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Respectfully submitted,
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